

Prohibition has reached Poland. Bruskow, a city near Warsaw, first municipality to hold a popular election on prohibition voted dry.

Detectives who tap telephone wires and listen for information are within their legal rights. Information so obtained constitutes legal testimony in a criminal trial.

Chang-Tao-Lin, wealthy war lord of Manchuria, declared to be one of the most talented leaders in China is near death.

Folks around Superior, Wisconsin are excited. Crews are repairing roads, fixing up telegraph and telephone wires.

Merbert Hoover's lieutenants drew first blood at Kansas City. The initial skirmish came during a contest over which of eleven delegates from Florida would be seated.

At what age is a person ready to die? That is a difficult question to answer but the London Express declares that when a human has passed the 100-year mark he does not wish to have his life prolonged.

A merger has been negotiated between Dodge Brothers, Inc. and the Chrysler corporation. Dodge Brothers is owned by New York bankers.

María Conesa is the dancing darling of Mexico City. For seven years she has packed a large theatre in the capitol of Mexico, captivating all with her grace and charm.

Rumor in Wall Street has it that the Radio Corporation of America may soon be merged with the International Telegraph and Telephone company in a gigantic communication company serving a whole hemisphere via ether, cable and wire.

In 1925 the American people ate candy retailing at \$342,000,000. The heaviest consumption was in Nevada where it took 13 pounds per capita to satisfy the craving for sweets.

Override Protest, Grant Rezoning

Over-riding two protests the Council Tuesday night instructed the city attorney to prepare an ordinance rezoning the lot at the northeast corner of Cravens and Marcellina avenues so that Stone and Myers may build an undertaking establishment there.

WOODINGTON CAR

It was announced today by the committee in charge of the Woodington car, that the award will be made at 8:30 this evening at the Torrance Theatre.

A. B. WIGHTMAN LEAVES

A. B. Wightman, who has been making his home with his daughter, Mrs. W. B. Sinclair, left last Saturday for eastern Nebraska for a few weeks' visit. While there he will visit Wesleyan University, where he was dean for a number of years.

EX-CHIEF IN BANK ATTEMPT

Torrance Man Confesses Long Beach Gull, Detectives Assert

AFTER NEW EVIDENCE

Police Declare Identification Establishes Guilt of Lomita Holdup

Police of Los Angeles were busy today piecing together threads of evidence with which they hope to weave a fabric of guilt around E. M. Anderson, former Torrance police chief, in connection with the holdups last January of the California Bank in Lomita and the Bank of Italy Branch at Redondo Beach.

Anderson told the teller that two men had waylaid him outside the bank at the point of a gun forced him to present the note, get the money and bring it out to them.

The bank manager advised Anderson to escape through the side door, which he did. The manager then called the police. After their arrival Anderson re-appeared in the bank and was taken into custody.

Guastal then took Anderson to the county jail and began an investigation into the Lomita and Redondo holdups.

He brought Anderson to Lomita, where Hugo Schmidt, Mr. Franklin, teller at the bank, and several others identified him as the man who held up that institution and who returned the fire as several citizens opened up a pistol and rifle barrage at his retreating car.

The note which Anderson had shoved through the wicket in Lomita read: "Give me \$2,000 or I'll blow the place to hell!"

The Redondo Beach note read the same, it is reported by police. Anderson told Guastal that the hole in the dash was not a bullet hole, but was made when he was installing a cigar lighter in the car.

Torrance police assisted in gathering evidence in the Long Beach case. They discovered that the paper on which the Long Beach note was written was exactly the same as some purchased by Anderson at the Beagon Drug store in Torrance.

Anderson was convicted in Superior Court for bribery and extortion committed while he was chief of police of Torrance, while serving his sentence at San Quentin he was paroled and was under parole at the time of the Long Beach attempted holdup.

Guaranteed paint, \$2.65 gallon. Consolidated Lumber Co., Torrance.

Observations

The Flight of the Southern Cross—Proving the Whole World Brave—Radio and Politics—Will Science Clean Up Politics?

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

BRING in a new batch of laurel wreaths. Select four of the most verdant. Place them on the brows of the world's newest heroes.

OAKLAND to Hawaii, Honolulu to the Fiji Islands. The broad Pacific has been conquered. Little men have aimed an assembly of machinery at a tiny dot in a gigantic expanse and hit it right on the nose.

IS it any wonder that the rest of us who go about our little tasks in the workaday world marvel at those who are gifted with that rare genius which enables them to put great daring deeds ahead of safe living?

THE Lindbergh phenomenon was hailed because the lone eagle accomplished what every other man on the face of the globe likes to imagine himself accomplishing.

THAT four men can do what four men have just done makes all of us a little more proud of the human race. Because some few can mount a white bird and drive him into the mists of the unknown willing to die rather than miss the excitement and romance of a dangerous flight.

WHO is there who read the log of the Southern Cross and did not count himself one of the passengers on that winging plane? Who is there that does not throw out his chest a little farther because four of his brother mortals have died with Death and won the throw?

COLUMBUS pointing the prow of his little ship toward the dark mysteries of the trackless main. Peary, MacMillan peering out of the blue eyes toward the bitter crucibles of the ice-bound wastes!

THE heroism of the world's adventurers makes life more worth living. Every dash of seasoning added to the dish of existence improves the taste.

IT seems a bit easier to perform the old routine because a few can thumb their noses at routine. When four men escape from drabness to romance on the wings of adventure the bars let down for us all.

SO bring out those laurel wreaths. Four heads need adorning. The world cheers four. The world loves four because four have proved that mortals can be brave.

BY this time next week the Republican convention at Kansas City will be under way. Millions of persons will have their ears glued to the radio.

WILL the fact that millions of voters are "seeing" the convention will militate against political trickery? Will interest in political issues be increased because the radio is bringing the big convention right into the living room?

A NUMBER of prophets see in the radio an instrument for cleaning up house with politics. I am not so sure. We must remember that rogues can use the radio as well as reputable men—and will.

CITY Too Large For One Tractor

Because the city of Torrance is getting too large, by virtue of annexations, to enable the street department to do all the work required with one tractor the council Tuesday night instructed the city clerk to advertise for bids for a new Model D Ford tractor.

VOTE \$200 for Fire Inspection

The council Tuesday night voted Fire Chief Hannebrink an appropriation of \$200 for salaries of inspectors to make the annual scrutiny of five hazards in all buildings in Torrance.

REFUSE POOL LICENSE

BIG PLANT ALMOST READY

Doheny - Stone Machinery Will All Be Installed Soon

NEW UNITS PREDICTED

Expansion Seen Before First Plant is Up to Capacity

The Doheny-Stone Drill Corporation is rapidly completing the installation of machinery in the new plant in South Torrance and expects to be on full production within a few weeks.

The office force and a number of workmen are already on the job daily, but the whole plant will not be in operation until more machinery which has been ordered is ready for installation.

Executives of the company are already securing data looking forward to expansion and it is predicted that before the company's first unit here is operating at capacity additional units will be under construction.

Postal Service Here Extended

Mail in Earlier in Morning and Goes Out Later at Night

Two additional mail trains were added to the Torrance service, Tuesday, June 5. One train arrives at 6:08 a. m.

These two trains will give additional service, and the late train, especially will make it far more convenient for business firms to get out the day's mail.

School Bonds Carry District; But Are Beaten

Harbor Area Won for Proposals by Vote in Torrance

Torrance, Lomita and Harbor City voted strongly in favor of the school bonding propositions Tuesday, although the proposals were defeated by lack of support in the city of Los Angeles.

Scots Club Will Banquet Tonight

Scots Club 48 of Lomita, Torrance and Harbor City will hold a banquet tonight at Earl's Cafe on Cabrillo avenue.

Motor Transit Men Meet in Torrance

Forty agents of the Motor Transit company will meet in Torrance next Wednesday for their monthly business session and a trip through Torrance industries.

State Senatorship Sought by Curtis

Henry E. Carter, of Wilmington, is a candidate for state senate Hugh A. McNary, Los Angeles, is a candidate for assembly in the 71st district.

Widespread Improvements in P. E. Cars Points to Steady Work in Torrance Shops During Summer

That employment will continue steady at the Pacific Electric shops at Torrance during the summer is established by an announcement that the company has determined upon extensive improvements in a total of 198 passenger cars.

Representing an expenditure in excess of \$105,000, the work to be done consists largely of providing new comfort-giving features to existing interurban equipment.

Plans made consist of improving 45 of the railway's 950 class cars with an entirely new and improved type of upholstered seats.

In addition, the open section of the 48 cars is to be closed in to avoid the strong winds resulting from high speed and the cold and dampness formerly experienced during portions of the rainy season.

The improvements in these cars follows betterments recently made by the installation of new relays which were designed to provide additional speed through faster getaway. These 950 class cars are used almost exclusively on the Santa Monica via Sawtelle and Venice Short Line trains.

A total of 111 of the Pacific Electric's 800 class interurban cars used on various lines, are also to undergo extensive improvements. Plans made call for the removal of wooden slat seats and substitution therefore with high-class upholstery.

The company's 1000 class cars, 42 in number, are also to be improved by substitution of upholstered seats for wooden seats, these cars recently having undergone closing in of open section.

Mr. Pontius added that work will be begun at the Torrance shops just as quickly as seats and equipment which have already been ordered are received.

Impressive Memorial day services were held by the American Legion Posts of Gardena, Compton, Redondo and Torrance, at Roosevelt Memorial Park. A large crowd attended. The program was held from 3:30 to 4:30, with A. O. Barnes master of ceremonies.

Organ numbers, on the largest outdoor organ in the world, were played by C. Harold Dick, organist. The program is as follows: The organ—Star Spangled Banner.

Invocation—Captain K. F. Nance. Introduction of guests from G. A. R., Spanish-American war veterans, commanders of Legion Posts and presidents of Auxiliary, Organ and Sacred Music—White King Male Quartette.

Address—Major Frank R. McReynolds. Organ solo—America. Benediction—Chaplain H. F. Hames.

Firing Squad—Gardena Post No. 187, American Legion. Taps—Scout Lloyd White.

Massed colors—American Legion Posts of Gardena, Compton, Redondo and Torrance. Flowers were strewn by United States army platoon 332nd pursuit group. Elocution services were conducted by the Gardena Valley Boy Scouts, under the direction of Scoutmaster Albert Chapman.

Previous to this service, C. Harold Dick gave an organ concert vividly picturing the scenes of the Civil and World wars. He played a medley of Civil war songs, and a medley of World war songs, "The Golden Star," a memorial march by Sousa was played in memory of the brave who gave their lives that liberty shall not perish.

Becker Announces Enlargement Program for Columbia Plant

N. A. Becker, efficiency engineer of the Columbia Steel corporation and who now is managing the Torrance plant announced yesterday that a substantial extension to the rolling mill will be started within a few days.

The mill will be extended about 140 feet on the west end. When the extension is completed it will house the new rolling shop under Brady Wolfe.

A machine shop will be installed in the department to be vacated. A large quantity of machinery has been ordered by the company for installation here.

CHEAPEST GLASS OUT

Councilmen and Appointees Consider Medium Grade Units for City

VISITING LONG BEACH

Body Inspects Various Types of Posts in Nearby City

The special lighting committee appointed by Mayor Dennis and members of the City Council are planning a number of trips to Southern California cities to inspect various lighting systems. The first trip was made this afternoon when the group went to Long Beach to study several of the types of installations under consideration here.

The committee met Monday night and once more subjected proposals of the various companies to a close scrutiny.

Although no official action was taken the committee and the council members present seemed to regard the lowest bids of all companies with disfavor, as all the low bids specify a type of glassware which City Engineer Leonard believes below the standard required for an efficient illuminating system.

In comparing the proposals of the various companies the committee and councilmen are considering the medium bids of the several proposals. All of these bids, of estimates, as they should be designated, specify a type of lighting fixture which has the approval of the engineer. This should not be taken to mean that either the engineer or the committee has decided on a lighting fixture manufactured by one company only.

The committee and council are proceeding with the utmost care before making any decision of any nature, and it is probable that many inspection trips by day and night will be made and some actual tests made before any action is taken.

At present none of the companies which submitted estimates has been officially eliminated from consideration.

Boys Here Make Airplane Models

Prizes Are Awarded in Legion-Kiwanis-Rotary Contest

The Legion-Kiwanis-Rotary model airplane building contest for boys brought 20 models made by lads of Torrance.

Prizes in the non-flying model class were awarded as follows; first, John Young; second, Kenneth Clutter.

Stanley Creighton won the first prize in the glider class. In the flying model class the prizes went to boys whose models stayed in the air the longest. The prize winners; first, Charles Klingner; second prize, Richard Fullmer; third prize, George Gunter. Each prize winner will also receive a free ride in an airplane.

Doctor Puzzled, Resolved to Fly

This is the story of a father, a son, a Rotary International convention, a special train and the air mail.

The father is Dr. George P. Shidler. The son is George Junior who graduates from high school next Thursday. Dr. Shidler is president-elect of the Rotary Club of Torrance. As such he is delegate to the Rotary International convention at Minneapolis.

George, Jr. will receive his diploma Thursday night. The special train headed for Minneapolis leaves Los Angeles Thursday afternoon. If the doctor took the train he wouldn't see his son graduate. Still he has to make the convention on time.

The solution: Dr. Shidler will see his son graduate. Then he will board a Western Air Express mail plane Friday morning, land at Salt Lake City three hours before the special train gets there. Nothing is impossible these days, but you have to hurry, says the doctor.

George Graves Is Laid to Rest

Well Known Torrance Man Passes Away on May 30

Funeral services for the late George Tatum Graves, who died May 30, were held Saturday, June 2, at the First Methodist church at Torrance. Rev. B. H. Lingenfelter conducting the services.

Judge Graves, with his family, had been a resident of California for the past eight years, part of that time being spent at his residence at 2313 Cota avenue, Torrance, and a greater part at his home in Illinois.

Born in Illinois in 1854, young Graves went with his parents to Kansas, where his early life was spent, and where he became known for his work along educational lines. Later, the law engaged his attention, and he became a practicing attorney, city attorney in Cleveland, Oklahoma, and judge of the county court, stirring scenes and events of the early border days, during the years that followed the opening of the Cherokee Strip, when he, like hundreds of other stalwart pioneers, made the famous "run" to claim a homestead.

A one-horse cart carried young Graves to his chosen spot near Cleveland, which place he saw grow to be the center of oil industry, one of the greatest in the mid-west.

Falling health finally compelled a change of climate and Judge Graves removed to California, his family accompanying him.

Although Mr. Silence is slowly recovering, he is still in a serious condition.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Malone entertained Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weaver of Long Beach at dinner Tuesday evening.

Torrance to Play Inglewood Sunday

A fast ball game at Pomona last Sunday was won by Pomona with Torrance on the short end of a 4 to 2 score. Neither side made an error. Ed Faussey's team will journey to Inglewood next Sunday.

RICHARD SILENCE HOME

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